

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claim will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

- 1 1. (currently amended) A method for processing an paper expense receipt comprising the steps  
2 of:  
3 receiving at a computer input device the paper expense receipt from an individual  
4 incurring an expense;  
5 receiving on a computer processor an electronic image of the expense receipt from the  
6 computer input device;  
7 processing the electronic image to obtain expense data;  
8 populating an electronic expense report with the expense data; and  
9 displaying the electronic expense report to the individual.
- 1 2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the ~~step of creating an electronic image~~  
2 ~~is performed by~~ computer input device is a portable scanner, digital camera, facsimile machine,  
3 personal digital assistant camera, telephone camera or communicator camera.
- 1 3. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the computer processor is a mainframe computer,  
2 computer server, desktop computer, laptop computer, personal digital assistant, telephone, or  
3 communicator.

1 4. (original) The method of claim 0 further comprising the step of storing the electronic image in  
2 non-volatile memory.

1 5. (original) The method of claim 0 wherein the step of processing the electronic image is  
2 further comprised of the steps of:  
3 using character recognition software to obtain text data from the electronic image;  
4 parsing the text data to search for expense data.

1 6. (original) The method of claim 0 wherein the step of displaying the electronic expense report  
2 is performed with a web browser or a specialized viewer.

1 7. (original) The method of claim 0 wherein the expense data is date of expense, expense  
2 amount, vendor name, payment method or vendor address.

1 8. (currently amended) The method of claim 0 further comprising the steps of:  
2 receiving additional data;  
3 modifying the electronic expense report with the additional data;  
4 displaying the modified electronic expense report to the individual; and  
5 storing the modified expense report in non-volatile memory.

1 9. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 8 wherein the additional data is approval  
2 signature, corrected expense data or additional expense data.

1 10. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein the additional expense data is comprised of  
2 expense allocation to cost center, identifier for person incurring expense, identifier for trip, notes,  
3 car miles, or expenses for which there are no receipts.

- 1 11. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein the additional expense data is electronic data  
2 received from a second computer processor.
- 1 12. (original) The method of claim 0 wherein the expense report contains expense data from a  
2 plurality of expense receipts.
- 1 13. (original) The method of claim 0 further comprising the step of encrypting the electronic  
2 image.
- 1 14. (original) The method of claim 0 further comprising the step of encrypting the expense  
2 report.
- 1 15. (original) The method of claim 0 wherein the computer applies a set of expense rules to the  
2 expense data.
- 1 16. (original) The method of claim 0 further comprising the step of transferring the expense  
2 report to an accounting system.
- 1 17. (original) The method of claim 0 wherein the expense report and the electronic image are  
2 stored on separate computer systems and are linked by a common identifier.
- 1 18. (original) The method of claim 0 wherein the expense report and receipt image are displayed  
2 simultaneously.
- 1 19. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the expense report, a list of scanned receipts, and  
2 receipt image are displayed simultaneously.
- 1 20. (deleted)

1 21. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of checking for duplicate  
2 receipts.

1 22. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the computer processor is accessed remotely via a  
2 computer network.

1 23. (currently amended) A computer readable medium containing instructions for controlling a  
2 computer system to perform a method for storing an paper expense receipt comprising the steps  
3 of:

4 receiving at a computer input device the paper expense receipt from an individual  
5 incurring an expense;

6 receiving on a computer processor an electronic image of the expense receipt;

7 processing the electronic image to obtain expense data;

8 populating an electronic expense report with the expense data; and

9 displaying the electronic expense report to the individual.

1 24. (currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the ~~step of~~  
2 ~~creating an electronic image is performed by~~ computer input device is a portable scanner, digital  
3 camera, facsimile machine, personal digital assistant camera, telephone camera or communicator  
4 camera.

1 25. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the computer processor is a  
2 mainframe computer, computer server, desktop computer, laptop computer, personal digital  
3 assistant, telephone, or communicator.

1 26. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the method if further  
2 comprised of the step of storing the electronic image in non-volatile memory.

1 27. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the step of processing the  
2 electronic image is further comprised of the steps of:  
3 using character recognition software to obtain text data from the electronic image;  
4 parsing the text data to search for expense data.

1 28. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the step of displaying the  
2 electronic expense report is performed with a web browser or a specialized viewer.

1 29. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the expense data is comprised  
2 of date of expense, expense amount, vendor name, payment method or vendor address.

1 30. (currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the method further  
2 comprises the steps of:

3 receiving additional data;  
4 modifying the electronic expense report with the additional data;  
5 displaying the modified electronic expense report to the individual; and  
6 storing the modified expense report in non-volatile memory.

1 31. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 30 wherein the additional data is  
2 approval signature, corrected expense data or additional expense data.

1 32. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 31 wherein the additional expense data is  
2 expense allocation to cost center, identifier for person incurring expense, identifier for trip, notes,  
3 car miles, or expenses for which there are no receipts.

1 33. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 31 wherein the additional expense data is  
2 electronic data received from a second computer processor.

1 34. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the expense report contains  
2 expense data from a plurality of expense receipts.

1 35. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 further comprising the step of  
2 encrypting the electronic image.

1 36. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 further comprising the step of  
2 encrypting the expense report.

1 37. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the computer applies a set of  
2 expense rules to the expense data.

1 38. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 further comprising the step of  
2 transferring the expense report to an accounting system.

1 39. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the expense report and the  
2 electronic image are stored on separate computer systems and are linked by a common identifier.

1 40. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the expense report and  
2 receipt image are displayed simultaneously.

1 41. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the expense report, a list of  
2 scanned receipts, and receipt image are displayed simultaneously.

1 42. (deleted)

1 43. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the method is further  
2 comprised of the step of checking for duplicate receipts.

1 44. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the computer processor is  
2 accessed remotely via a computer network

1 45. (currently amended) A system for processing an paper expense receipt comprised of:

2 a computer input device for receiving the paper expense receipt from an individual  
3 incurring an expense, and ~~a receipt image input device for creating an electronic image of the~~  
4 receipt input device;

5 a computer processor in communication with the computer input device ~~receipt~~

6 a software module operating on the computer processor for processing the electronic  
7 image to obtain expense data;

8 a software module operating on the computer processor for filling in an expense report  
9 with the expense data; and

10 a display in communication with the computer on which the expense report is displayed  
11 to the individual.

1 46. (original) The system of claim 45 further comprised of non-volatile memory in  
2 communication with the computer processor memory for storing the expense report.

1 47. (currently amended) The system of claim 45 wherein the ~~device for creating an electronic~~  
2 ~~image is performed by~~ computer input device is a scanner, digital camera, facsimile machine,  
3 personal digital assistant camera, telephone camera or communicator camera.

1 48. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the computer processor is a mainframe computer,  
2 computer server, desktop computer, laptop computer, personal digital assistant or telephone.

1 49. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the software module for processing the electronic  
2 image is further comprised of:

3 a character recognition software module to obtain text data from the electronic image;  
4 a parsing software module for parsing the text data to search for expense data.

1 50. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein display is comprised of a web browser or a  
2 specialized viewer.

1 51. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the expense data is comprised of date of expense,  
2 expense amount, vendor name, payment method or vendor address.

1 52. (original) The system of claim 45 further comprising a second input device for receiving  
2 additional data to modify the expense report.

1 53. (currently amended) The system of claim 4 52 wherein the additional data is approval  
2 signature, corrected expense data or additional expense data.

1 54. (original) The system of claim 53 wherein the additional expense data is comprised of  
2 expense allocation to cost center, identifier for person incurring expense, identifier for trip, notes,  
3 car miles, or expenses for which there are no receipts.

1 55. (original) The system of claim 53 wherein the additional expense data is electronic data from  
2 a second computer processor.

1 56. (original) The system of claim 45 further comprising a software module operating on the  
2 computer processor for encrypting the electronic image.



1 57. (original) The system of claim 45 further comprising a software module for applying a set of  
2 expense rules to the expense data and expense report.

1 58. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the expense report and the electronic image are  
2 stored on separate computer systems and are linked by a common identifier.

1 59. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the expense report and receipt image are  
2 displayed simultaneously.

1 60. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the expense report, a list of scanned receipts, and  
2 receipt image are displayed simultaneously.

1 61. (deleted)

1 62. (original) The system of claim 45 further comprising further comprising a software module  
2 to check for duplicate receipts.

1 63. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein said system is accessed remotely via a computer  
2 network.